

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified reissue patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (original).

Please add the following claims:

22. (new) A computerized method for matching potential clients with professional services providers that meet their personalized criteria and are interested in providing particular services to them, said method comprising:

presenting a first electronic document to said potential clients via a computer network; receiving data entered by said potential clients using data entry devices, said received data being indicative of said criteria;

automatically comparing said received data to data stored in a storage medium to identify one or more suitable professional services providers based upon said criteria;

automatically generating and transmitting an electronic mail message to said identified one or more professional services providers via said computer network, said electronic message including information indicative of a portion of said received data; and,

receiving a response from at least one responding one of said one or more identified professional services providers, and providing information indicative of another portion of said received data to each said responding one of said professional services providers.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein said first electronic document includes Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) information.

24. (new) The device of claim 23, wherein said computerized network includes a global interconnection of computers and computer networks.

25. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein said received data was entered using a commercially available browser software package.

26. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising checking said received data to confirm it is in a proper format.

27. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising storing data indicative of said plurality of professional services providers on said storage medium.

28. (new) The method of claim 22, further comprising automatically storing said received data on said storage medium.

29. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein said received data includes information indicative of information selected from the group consisting of a professional services provider size, a professional services provider specialty, a location of professional services to be provided, an estimated budget for professional services to be provided and a general description of professional services to be provided.

30. (new) The method of claim 29, further comprising assigning a unique identifier to each of said received data.

31. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein said received data and unique number are stored in a record.

32. (new) the method of claim 31, wherein said unique number is included in said electronic message.

33. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein said comparing comprises periodically querying said storage medium.

34. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein said professional services are legal services.